



Year of Call
2023

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Practice Profile

Neil specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration, aiming to deliver clear, pragmatic advice and decisive advocacy in high value challenging disputes.

His practice encompasses complex commercial contracts, arbitration, professional negligence, property, defamation, construction, telecommunications, employment, group litigation, public inquiries and FAIs.

Neil recently served as Junior Counsel to the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry, which involved navigating vast amounts of evidence, supporting Senior Counsel, and dealing with complex technical issues within a high-profile public inquiry.

He brings substantial and varied experience to his practice, drawing from:

PRIVATE PRACTICE: Extensive experience working in leading law firms, WS Signet Accredited in commercial litigation and on the LexisNexis Expert Scottish Dispute Resolution Panel.

IN-HOUSE INSIGHT: Former in-house counsel for a Danish global leader in renewable energy working on large FIDIC-based construction projects.

ADR: He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators with solid experience in arbitration proceedings (including court appeals challenging awards) and mediation.

SELECTED INSTRUCTIONS

COMMERCIAL: Secured an interim interdict in the Outer House to prevent the disclosure of confidential information by a competitor.

CONSTRUCTION: Negotiated a commercially favourable settlement in a six-figure breach of contract claim involving alleged defective construction.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Represented a UK infrastructure provider in obtaining new Code

agreements before the Lands Tribunal for Scotland.

COMPANY LAW: Successfully reduced a decree by default arising from procedural irregularities in the Court of Session.

Education & Professional Career to Date

LL.B. (Hons) (Dundee)

Dip. L.P. (Glasgow GGSL)

LL.M. Commercial Law (Edinburgh)

Solicitor, WJM LLP

Senior Solicitor/Associate/Acting Head of Dispute Resolution, MBM Commercial LLP

Associate, HBJ Gateley (now Addleshaw Goddard LLP)

In-House Solicitor Advocate, Vestas

Appointments

- LexisNexis Scottish Dispute Resolution Panel Expert (2023–present)
- Junior Counsel to the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry (2023–2026)
- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) (2023–present)
- Course Organiser, Construction Law Elective, University of Edinburgh Diploma in Professional Legal Practice (2022–present)
- Past appointments as Commissioner (Commission & Diligence diet and excerpting exercise)

Selected Cases

- **On Tower UK Limited v McLean (No.2) [2024] LTS 26**
Appeared at Proof for the Applicant, a telecoms infrastructure provider, and persuaded the Lands Tribunal to accept most of the Applicant's proposed terms for a new Code agreement with the Respondents. The consideration ultimately determined by Tribunal was significantly less than sought by the Respondents.
- **Arbitration Appeal No 1 of 2025, [2025] CSOH 86 (Legal Error)**
Appeared for petitioner at the leave for appeal hearing concerning the interpretation of a repairing obligation in a commercial lease. Successfully resisted the respondent's challenge that the arbitration clause excluded the petitioner's right to appeal. Leave was not granted on basis high statutory threshold not met.
- **Arbitration Appeal No 1 of 2025, [2026] CSOH 2 (Serious Irregularity)**
Appeared for the petitioner in a serious irregularity challenge arising from an arbitration part award on basis that arbitrator had failed to determine an interpretation issue underpinning a mutuality defence. The application required detailed analysis of the scope of the threshold for establishing failure by an arbitrator to address an issue. The challenge was not upheld as the court ultimately concluded the issue had not been put to arbitrator.

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial
- Employment, Discrimination and Harassment
- Media Law, Privacy and Defamation
- Property
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries
- Public Law

Publications & Seminars

Essential Skills - Witness Statements and Expert Reports, The Law Society of Scotland

Balancing on the Tightrope: Reasonableness and Enforceability of Restrictive Covenants, The Employment Law Group Conference (March 2026)

Expert Evidence in Scottish Civil Litigation - LexisNexis Practice Note

Prescribed & Time Barred Claims in Scotland - Update Your Knowledge, MBL Seminars

Additional Information

Spanish - professional competent fluency (level Intermediate B2)